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SUBMARINE FORCES

- I. Sub force numbers over 400; larger than combined sub forces all other nations.
- II. Force will probably stabilize at about 360 modern units.
- III. At least six nuclear-powered subs operational, all based Murmansk area.
- IV. About 20 long-range diesel-driven subs estimated to have ballistic missiles (2-6 each, ranges up to 350 nautical miles); probably also developing cruise missiles for subs.
- V. About 275 conventional post-war types will pose severe threat to western sea communications for next decade.
- VI. Strong evidence of extensive nuclear sub building program at Severodvinsk on White Sea and Komsomolsk in Far East.
 - A. Annual construction rate will probably level at about 8; complexity of advanced weapons and propulsion systems rather than building facilities will be limiting factors.
 - B. Undoubtedly developing nuclear subs with ballistic missiles.
 - C. Future nuclear submarines will probably also include torpedo attack and possibly ASW types.

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